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FLUORESCENT SIGNALS AND METHODS OF
USING SAME

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This application is a continuation of 09/639,818 filed August 17, 2000, and claims benefit of 60/149,225 filed August 17, 1999. All references cited in attached PTO/SB/08A are of record in the parent case; therefore, no copies are being provided herewith.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the attached information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08A be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

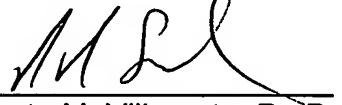
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